

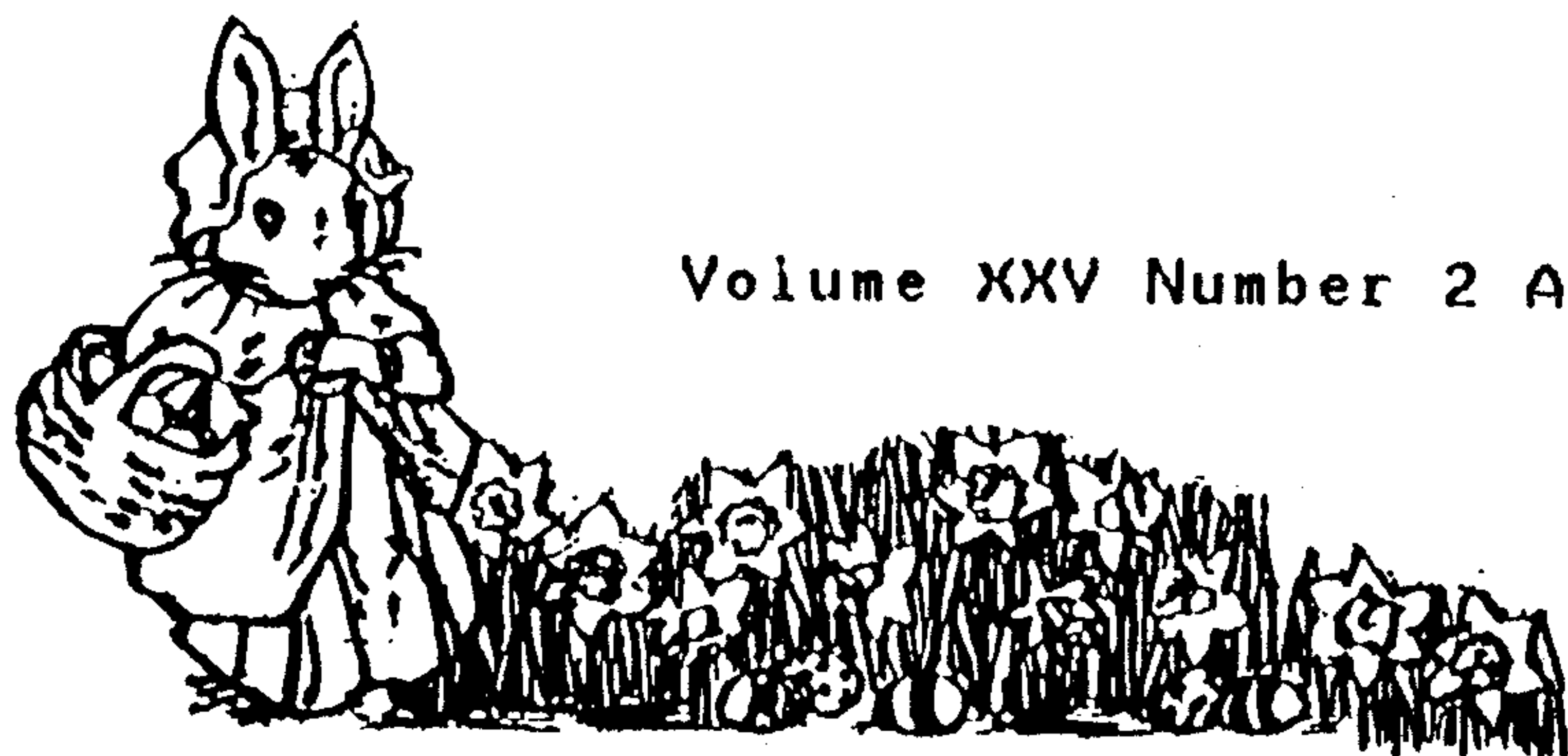
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THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS



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from the PRESIDENT'S DESK

The growth of our membership roll is certainly encouraging. I extend a hearty welcome to all who have recently joined our ranks. I trust that you have discovered, (or soon will), what many of our older members have known for a long time. -- Elongated coins are a fascinating and comparatively inexpensive branch of Numismatics. While most of us are still coin collectors and love the hobby as a whole, in this branch we do not get caught up in the mania of mint state grading problems. And we are certainly not bothered by the price manipulation of the investor crowd. We build our collections with minimal cost and enjoy the fun and relaxation that a hobby is supposed to provide. Further, there is enough rare and elusive material to provide the really serious collector with the thrill of the hunt, the satisfaction of the find and the pride of ownership. Also, when pursuing our other collecting interests, we can enjoy the excitement and fanfare of shows and conventions and create our own special brand of exciting happenings. What a hobby! After all, isn't that what it is supposed to be all about?

Since our last newsletter I have been in contact with all officers and directors of TEC and present the following as a review and update on happenings and plans for 1990.

TEC will definitely have a booth at the 1990 ANA Convention in Seattle, Washington with our annual meetings scheduled as usual. We hope that most of our faithful followers will be there and look forward to meeting many of our members from the western part of the country that we have never met before.

TEC will participate with the ANA on a souvenir coin project again in 1990. We will roll the Official Convention Souvenir Elongated Coin on site, and sell sets similar to those issued in 1989. A proposal for

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Membership dues in THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS are \$5.00 per calendar year. Send your dues check to the TEC secretary. Make your check payable to T.E.C.

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ATTENTION! IMPORTANT NOTICE

The opinions written in the articles in the TEC NEWS are not necessarily those of the editor, or the officers of the TEC Club. The editor reserves the right to edit articles as deemed necessary. Articles unsigned will not be used. Short articles are preferred. Long articles will be put in two parts or put in when there is space for them. The entire contents of articles sent to the editor become the property of TEC and will not be returned, and none are to be reprinted, in whole or in part, without the written permission of the editor. Photos sent in with articles or ads must be sent to us already screened for printing, as our budget does not allow for this screening process. Sharp and clear newspaper photos can be used as these have already been screened for printing. Cannot use large photos. Derogatory articles will not be printed.

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NOTICE

ALL ADVERTISERS

Advertising rates will remain the same for the present time, until a further study is made. Only camera ready ads will be accepted until further notice.

Camera ready - Full page ad \$25.00; 1/2 page \$15.00; 1/4 page \$10.00
Send your ad and check to TEC Editor. Make check payable to T.E.C.

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DEADLINE NOTICE

Deadline for articles and ads for July, Aug., Sept. issue is June 15, 1990. Send as soon as possible!

From the President's Desk (continued)

the 1990 design has been submitted to the ANA and is under consideration at the present time.

We are planning a special edition of the TEC News for the Convention again this year. Also, a special TEC coin to be rolled and handed out. Both the News (with a membership application attached), and the Giv-a-way coin have proven to be good promotional hand-outs for our organization.

Special Presidential Award Coins will be presented to deserving officers and members at our membership meeting, (in place of plaques) this year. The coins will be elongated silver quarters appropriately engraved on the reverse.

Sales for both the enameled and the regular issue 1990 convention badges have been brisk. If you haven't ordered yours yet, you should do so soon. I remind you that sales for the enameled silver badge will be cut off May 1, 1990. Only the quantity ordered by that date will be rolled. The die will then be altered and used for rolling the regular issue badge. In the past several years we have made 100 of the regular badges, and usually have 5 or 6 left over. I remind you of this also, our membership has grown and the demand should be greater this year. Enough will be made to cover all advance orders even if they exceed 100. But, only 100 will be rolled if the advance orders fall short of that quantity. Order now -- pay now or pay later. The important thing is to get your name on the order list. Help to insure against your dissatisfaction and help us to determine the quantities required. All orders should be sent to the TEC Secretary. The enameled silver badges are \$20.00 each. The regular issue badges are \$5.00 each. There is no limit on how many can be ordered.

The rental program for the Lee Martin video tapes on "The Elongated Collectors" and "Making a Steel Die" has been highly successful. Eleven different members have been served so far. Everyone has been exceptionally co-operative in returning them promptly. The wait by the next person on the list has been minimal.

On the planned Lending Library -- we have had offers to donate some books, but none have been received yet. We need multiple copies of the following items - "The Elongated Collector" by Dottie Dow; "Yesterday's Elongateds" by Martin and Dow; Today's Elongateds by Lee Martin; as well as other books and pamphlets by rollers such as Babin, Wagaman, Rogers, Rosato, Brazzell and others that may be in existence. If not out-right donations, a good price would be appreciated, or even a cash donation to help buy some of the more expensive items, if we can locate them. Making these books available is a must if we are to fulfill our obligation to educate a new generation of collectors. More on this later. We should be able to get this operation functional in time for an announcement in the next issue of TEC News. In the meantime, let me know what you are able to contribute.

Our order for 2x2 elongated coin holders has been placed and we are just waiting for delivery. I am so confident that they will be delivered soon, that I invite all interested members to place your orders now. Send your orders to me. The prices are: 100 for \$3.50; 500 for \$16.50; or 1000 for \$30.00, postpaid. Because of the extreme shortage of these holders, I expect the sales to be so brisk that we will have to re-order much sooner than originally expected. However,

From the President's Desk (continued)

there should be no problems on future supplies. We have made solid contact with two different sources who are anxious to fill our needs.

Our Secretary needs help! Because our membership continues to grow by leaps and bounds, the work load on the Secretary increases accordingly (especially after the first of the year when a majority of the dues pour in). It has been suggested that much work could be eliminated and considerable savings in postage could be realized if one of the following simple changes were made:

1. Require that each member furnish a self-addressed stamped envelope when paying their dues.
2. Mail membership cards and coins to each member with the dues notice envelope along with a note explaining that the membership is not valid until the dues are paid. Each member could use the same envelope to return their payment to the Secretary.

A pre-paid Life Membership package is being prepared for presentation at the annual meeting in Seattle. (More on this later.)

Big things are happening and more are planned. If you have opinions on any of the above, or other suggestions, let us know about them. Your officers are a progressive and receptive group.

Our branch of the hobby continues to get good coverage in Numismatic News, Coin World and Canadian Coin News. We have members at all three publications, who are taking good care of us. To Beth Deisher, Bob VanRyzin and Jerry Remick -- Thanks very much! Hy Brown shouldn't be over-looked either. His weekly pictorial ads bring a lot of attention our way also. Thanks Hy!

I have a busy show schedule laid out for myself this year. I have already done two shows and plan to be rolling coins at the following coming events. Central States Spring Convention in Milwaukee; Michigan State Spring Convention in Battle Creek; Maryland State Convention in Baltimore; ANA Convention in Seattle; Middle Atlantic States Convention in Virginia Beach; Michigan Masonic Home week-end celebration at Alina, Mich; The Mackinac Bridge Walk at Mackinac City, Mich; plus our local Coin Club Show and other shows in the near vicinity. I will be promoting TEC all the way. Wow! -- It makes me tired just thinking about all of the fun I am going to have. It's great to be retired!

Sick report: Gus Meccarello was planning another working vacation in Florida (about 3 months), but he came down with a bad case of shingles. It spoiled most of the time he was there.

Earlier this year I was informed that Joe Clarke had serious heart problems.

Ruth Armstrong reports that Tom hasn't been feeling well lately and that if he doesn't improve, they will not be able to attend the ANA Convention in Seattle. They haven't missed one since 1974.

With Gus in Florida and Tom and Joe living in the south, I just want to say, think of me shoveling snow here in Michigan. That should make you feel better!

From the President's Desk (continued)

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to these Old Fire Horses. I still expect to see all three of them in Seattle. Best wishes are also extended to others in poor health or with troubled minds with hopes for brighter days ahead.

Sincerely -- Ray Dillard

FLASH!

NEWS FROM ANGELO ROSATA AND HIS BOOK!

LAST WORD OF THE BOOK HAS BEEN TYPED! PROOF READER IS WORKING!

ALL MECHANICALS WILL BE COMPLETED THE WEEK-END OF MARCH 18!

WORKING WITH PRINTER!

OVER 1400 PAGES: HUNDREDS OF SURPRISES!

MAY NEED TO BE TWO VOLUMES - HOPE NOT!

22 YEARS OF WORK IS ABOUT TO BECOME A REALITY!

SHOULD HAVE FINAL DETAILS NEXT ISSUE OF TEC NEWS! (INCLUDING PRICE!)

Notes from your editor.....

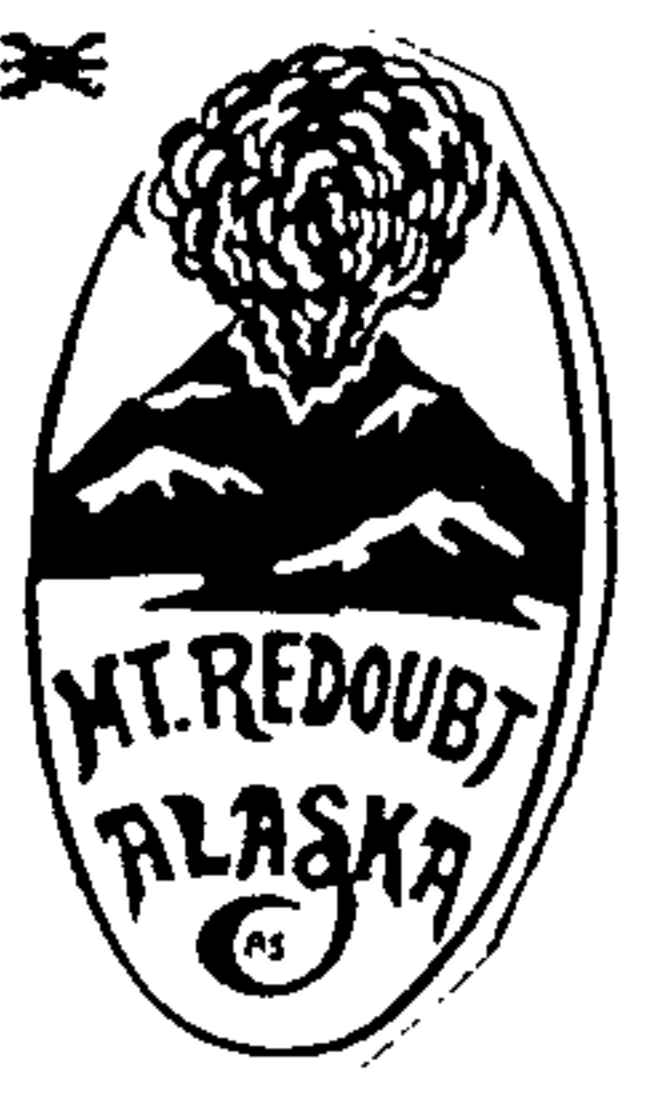
Thanks to everyone for sending articles and ads for use in the TEC News. Keem 'em coming - the sooner, the better. We try to do as much of the newsletter as possible, as soon as we get the articles and ads in, so we don't have to do it all at one time. So, it helps to have your information in as soon as possible.

The following was seen in "Scrip Talk", (another newsletter we receive): "The FOUR MAIN BONES of any organization are: The WISHBONE - wishing somebody would do something about it; the JAWBONE - doing all the talking, but nothing else; the KNUCKLEBONE - that knocks everything that is done; and the BACKBONE - that carries the load and does the work!!" Which category do you fit in? One thing we've noticed about the TEC - we certainly seem to have quite a BACKBONE! Keep up the good work!

If you have pennies you'd like to donate for any upcoming issue of the TEC, please let us know. Everyone's been very generous so far. It's great to be able to share your design with all the membership.

Until next time.....Jim Singleton, Editor

AK 90-1 Mt. Redoubt, the active Alaskan volcano. Available rolled on cents for \$2.00 or 4 for \$6.00. Rolled on nickels for \$2.50 or 4 for \$8.00. Order from: Elongated Advertising of Alaska, 611 Cowles St, Fairbanks, Alaska, 99701.



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WA 90-1 Washington Flood. Available rolled on cents for \$2.00 or 4 for \$6.00. Also rolled on nickels for \$2.50 or 4 for \$8.00. Order from: Bert Samsa, P.O. Box 281, Carlsborg, WA 98324.

JUNIOR MEMBER CORNER
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We hope to get you involved with the hobby by giving you a corner to address your questions to. Also we will feature some of the subjects you would like covered. So Junior Members, write us! We need your input.

SETTING UP YOUR COLLECTION

Everyone has a system, and all have their reasons for doing it their way. Setting up your collection is really a personal choice--but one I've adopted and like is quite easy. Using a regular 3 ring loose leaf binder, I purchased some coin pocket pages from the coin store along with some special 2x2 holders. Placing the elongated coins in the holders allows you to keep your collection visible on both sides and protects them from most of the elements. The pages allow you to group them in to various catagories holidays, series, famous people, events, historical etc. If you have a special way of doing yours why not share it with us?

SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

FRANK BRAZZELL - Past TEC President, is a man who has given much to TEC and the elongated hobby. He has done it all. He makes the machine, designs and engraves the die and rolls the coins. He has improved the process and shared it by producing some very special elongates. Check your coins - you may have one already.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

I hope some of you will take the time to write me and let me help you learn more about elongated coins. I'm still quite new to the hobby and will be learning with you. Next newsletter we will feature how to design a coin. Lets hear from you. Just write to Ginnie Wilkinson, 5700 Flagler St. Metairie, LA 70003.

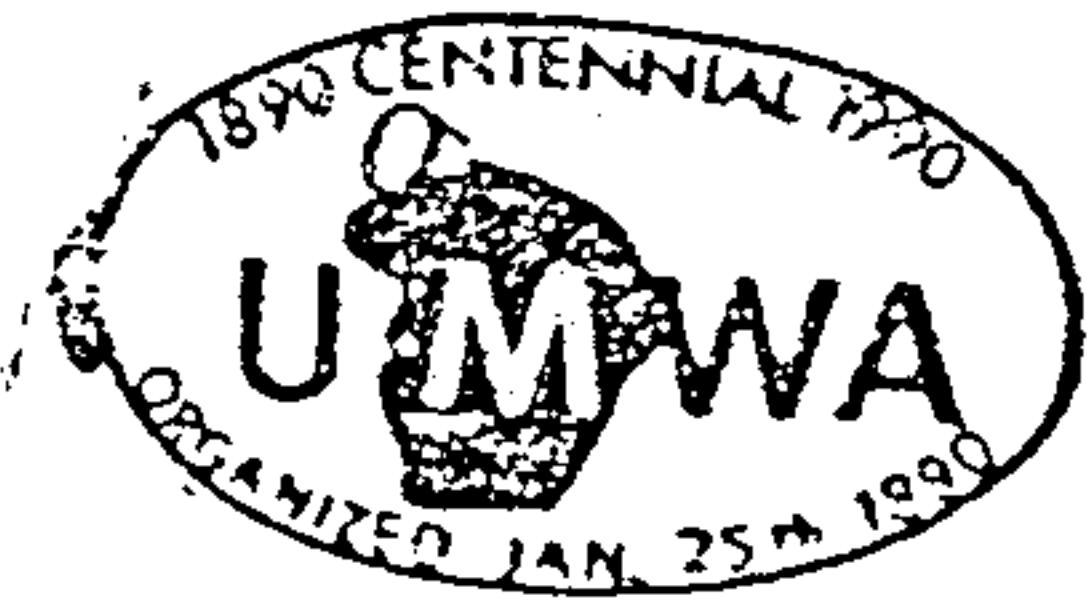
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Buy - Sell - Trade

Have 20 different Dinosaur elongated cents in 2x2 holders, and all in a new 20 pocket plastic page ready to put in a three-ring binder. Only \$10.00, and I pay postage. These are deep engraved bodies with lots of detail. A beautiful set for your collection, gift for kids, nice school project. Dinosaurs are a hot item right now. Get in on this deal. Order from: Frank Brazzell, 53 So. 20th St., Terre Haute, IN 47803.

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Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the United Mine Workers of America. Elongated coin rolled on a piece of West Virginia Coal Company scrip tokens. \$2.50 each, plus SASE, or three for \$5.00 plus SASE. Jim Singleton, P.O. Box 41, Hugheston, WV 25110.



ELONGATED DIE MANUFACTURING OPTIONS AND PRICE LIST



OPTION # 1 \$55.00

We will paste up your artwork, photograph the positive, and engrave your die.

Inform us how you want it to look, and exactly what you want it to say. Supply any specific artwork or logo desired (line drawings work best). Remember, when designing your elongated, the fewer the words, the larger and easier to read. The tendency is to try and include too much information on the coin. This makes it hard or impossible to read, and difficult to sell. If you want to proof (recommended) before engraving, enclose a large SASE. After the artwork is approved, you will have your die in approximately two weeks. Dies can be produced in dime, cent, nickel, or quarter sizes. Unless otherwise requested they will be cent size.

OPTION # 2 \$45.00

We photograph your artwork, make the positive, and engrave the die. You supply photo ready artwork drawn in a 5" by 9" oval. If you would like us to supply a border design, enclose a large SASE. We have oval, dot, micro dot, arrows, or rope borders. Please request only one type. Remember, the die will look exactly as drawn, only much smaller.

OPTION # 3 \$40.00

We engrave the die. You supply the positive in 1 1/4" size for a cent size die. These are easy to have made by going to a silk screening shop, with your artwork, and ask them to make a 1 1/4" positive. The cost for this should be around \$5.00 each, less if you have more than one made.

OPTION # 4

This is used in addition to any of the above options, but includes rolling the elongateds, for those of you who don't have a rolling machine. Price rolled on cents is, \$15.00 per hundred with blank reverse, or \$20.00 per hundred with stained reverse. Other denominations P.O.R.

Custom artwork by our professional artist, with years of elongated experience, is also available. All of our original artwork, has been, and is done, by this artist. We need only an idea of what you want drawn, or modified to the elongated shape, including wording required. (see option #1 on wording) Artwork modification is especially useful when simply reducing a picture, or logo, doesn't produce esthetically pleasing, or legible results. Although we change the design to fit the elongated shape, it remains basically the same. We can develop your logo, or design your artwork for enameling. Custom artwork is expensive, and difficult to have drawn properly for the desired effect. Call around your area for price quotes. We offer this service for only \$60.00 on most designs. The better your artwork, the more sales you will make!

This service requires approximately 10 days extra; plan ahead.

We have steel rolls for \$40.00 each. You may furnish your own or any other steel shape you use.

When ordering include as much information as possible; and your phone number in case we need to discuss your order. Above all, remember the less clutter, the better.

Send orders, and make checks payable to: Bert Samsa, P.O. BOX 281, Carlsborg, WA. 98324

Any questions, give us a call at (206) 683-1735

Elongatedly yours,

Bert Samsa

3 "New to Me - Moderns" Show Up

by Doug Fairbanks, Sr.

1. Horiz. w/small dot border

Convex around top edge/Mercantile Money Museum/at center of coin is the bust of a male figure which bears a striking resemblance to Benjamin Franklin. Concave under bust/St.Louis/.Rolled on a 1964-D Lincoln 1¢. Roller unknown, but purported to be rolled on the premises, by a vending machine.

2. obv.-Horiz. w/small dot border

Depicted at center of coin, a large deer head with a massive set of antlers.

rev.- Horiz. w/no border

At center of coin, in three horiz. lines/Buckhorn/Hall of horns/ /San Antonio, Texas/Rolled on a no visible date Lincoln 1¢. Roller unknown, but purported to be rolled on the premises.

3. Horiz. w/small dot border

Entire coin area filled with a scene, ie tree at left edge-tree at right edge-tall box-like building at center with three smaller buildings to left and one smaller building to right of it. Appears to be a pedestrian bridge over a water-way in front of the tall building.

Concave around bottom edge of coin/Central Park-New York/Rolled on a no visible date Lincoln 1¢. Roller unknown, but purported to have been rolled in the Park during 1987.

"Unlisted" Directory/Addition and Correction

Add-

INDind 3a

Obv.-Same as INDind 3, except for the following corrections, ie change "Center" to "Jeweler"/delete (not legible) and change it to "17--"/delete (?)\$ and change it to "ST."

rev.-Same as P & PC 22

Note:

Does anyone have information relative to the initials "IKKO" which appears on P & PC 22-22a-23-24?

Correction-

Change SHIPS 9 to SHIPS 7a, as it appears only a Variation of SHIPS 7, with lettering added.

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LUCKY BINGO PENNY, with engraved bingo card, 35¢ each, or 3 for \$1.00 plus SASE; 100 for \$15.00 postpaid. Ray Dillard, P.O. Box 161-T, Fenton, MI 48430

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PROUD TO BE POLISH-AMERICAN, rolled on quarter-size brass Polish coin with a special treated Polish Eagle on the reverse. 50¢ each plus SASE, \$5.00 per dozen postpaid. Ray Dillard, P.O. Box 161-T, Fenton, MI 48430

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A Maverick

By Allen Curtis TEC 1442

A MAVERICK has joined the TEC Club. Is he Bret, Bart, or Beau? No, the maverick's name is Bun - Allen "Bun" Curtis. That is, the maverick is I, the author of this article. I'm a maverick because my first and foremost hobby is NOT elongated coin collecting, but instead is using, programming, and writing about home and personal computers.

How did such a maverick gain entry to the TEC membership rolls? Last fall I purchased by mail a pair of elongated coins from a fellow Virginian and TEC Historian, Ginnie Aldridge. Besides filling my order, she wrote me an extremely enthusiastic and most friendly letter along with a TEC application blank. I thought that any organization that inspires such enthusiasm and has such fine people is a must for me, and I signed up immediately.

A week or so later I received my first TEC NEWS along with letters from Ray Dillard and Ginnie Wilkinson, TEC President and Secretary, respectively. All were very informative and interesting. Learning from the letters what literature there is about elongated coins, I decided that my first adventure in this new (for me) hobby would be a search for three books - Dottie Dow's "The Elongated Collector", "Yesterday's Elongateds" by Dottie Dow and Lee Martin, and "Today's Elongateds" by Lee Martin.

Seeing an ad by former TEC President Frank Brazzell for a set of baseball elongated cents, brought back fond memories of my youth when I had a small collection of baseball trading cards. I also wondered whether almost legendary TEC leader Sally Kirka had ever incorporated baseball cards into her PNC's. If so, they must have been wonderful to behold. Anyway, I ordered the set of baseball elongateds and at the same time asked Frank whether he could give me any clues as to where the aforementioned three books could be purchased.

I was well pleased with Frank's baseball elongateds and greatly appreciated his informing me that TEC Vice President Gus Meccarello had been selling such elongated coin literature and might still have some available. Gus not only had "Yesterday's Elongateds" and "Today's Elongateds", he had them in both soft and hard covers. Thanks to Frank and Gus, I am now the proud owner of hard cover copies of both books. They are in mint condition and are autographed by Lee Martin. When I purchased these excellent books, Gus generously gave me Lloyd Wagaman's fine 44 page booklet, "The Elongated Coin". Thanks, Gus.

Finding that "Yesterday's Elongateds" includes the contents of Dottie Dow's "The Elongated Collector", I knew with amazing suddenness that my book quest was over - thanks to the thoughtfulness and friendliness of TEC members.

Armed with these books, I feel that I can start collecting elongateds in earnest with more assurance, knowledge, and some of the TEC owl's wisdom at the expense of becoming less of a maverick.

The Jamestown Tercentennial Exposition of 1907

By Allen Curtis

In the Apr.-May-June, 1980 (Vol. XV, No. 2) issue of TEC NEWS, Ginnie Aldridge wrote of the discovery of Jamestown and her discovery of an unlisted Jamestown Exposition elongated. The elongated was subsequently listed in "Yesterday's Elongateds" as VIR-JTE 9. Depicted on the coin was St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Ginnie's researches revealed that St. Paul's is a famous Norfolk, Virginia church. Ginnie was puzzled by the fact that a Norfolk church rather than one from Jamestown would be pictured on a Jamestown Exposition coin.

Ginnie went to the 1957 Jamestown Festival in Jamestown near Jamestown Island. Viewing the built-up area in 1957 with the easy access to and from it via the Colonial Parkway, she apparently assumed that the Tercentenary was held in the same place 50 years earlier. Surprisingly, this was not the case.

In March of 1902, there was passed in the Virginia general Assembly a bill that granted a charter for an exposition company. A condition of the charter was that one million dollars had to be subscribed by January 1, 1904. The exposition company planners quickly eliminated Jamestown as a site for the proposed 1907 festival because of inadequate housing and transportation facilities anywhere in the vicinity. A large delegation of prominent Tidewater area citizens convinced the General Assembly that the exposition should be held in the Hampton Roads area. Subscribing the necessary million dollars was no easy task despite the solid backing of Tidewater communities. On December 31, 1903, the last possible day, the subscription finally reached the one million dollar mark and work on the Exposition could begin.

340 acres of mostly swampy land at Seawalls Point was purchased. With great difficulty a miniature city was built there. They had to construct a 10 mile boulevard to Norfolk for access to and from the city and install power and water lines. The job was so enormous that in 1906 a Congressional bill was passed to authorize a million and half dollars for federal governmental participation - military quarters, piers, and maintaining armed forces on the grounds.

Similar to other expositions of that era, many of the states and several nations erected buildings for showing off their achievements. Many sideshows lined the midway of the 1907 Exposition. In a theater there was a re-enactment of the Civil War battle between the ironclads, the Monitor and the Merrimac. The original battle had taken place off Hampton Roads. The battle re-enactment undoubtedly inspired the rolling of the elongated VIR-TJE 5, Merrimac and Monitor Duel showing the two warships. Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show was another sideshow attraction. In a large auditorium Mark Twain entertained overflow audiences. This auditorium could well be the one pictured on VIR-JTE 3. In another show a performer called Captain Bosco regularly gave a spiel about raising the battleship Maine out of Havana Harbor. Perhaps, the captain's

spiel was the inspiration for VIR-JTE 6 and 6a, U.S. Battleship. Days were assigned to each nation and state as a means of stimulating attendance. On Virginia Day there was a great military parade, a naval pageant, and an aquacade. This high point of the Exposition may have led to the rolling of elongated VIR-JTE 7, Battleship Virginia.

Ten years after the Exposition there was little evidence remaining at the festival grounds that it had been held there. Some buildings fell into ruin and others were demolished. The lawns had become jungles. The day after President Wilson requested Congress to declare war against Germany (April 6, 1917) the Navy gained possession of the area. Thus the Norfolk Naval Base had its beginnings.

The purpose of this article was to unravel Ginnie Aldridge's puzzle of why a Norfolk church was pictured on a Jamestown Tercentennial Exposition elongated. It is now clear that the Exposition was held in Norfolk instead of Jamestown. St. Paul's Episcopal Church was a famous Norfolk landmark and a likely subject for an elongated coin: VIR-JTE 9.

The information about the 1907 Jamestown Exposition was gathered from a special edition of the Virginia Gazette published for the 1957 Jamestown Festival.

Researching and writing this article has stimulated my interest in VIR-JTE elongates. I just wish I had some.

BUY - SELL - TRADE

BARGAIN - Proud to be American (Paradise on Earth). 25¢ with BASE. "Yesterday's Elongateds" by Martin & Dow. Book \$25.00 PP. John G. Spadone, 4872 N.W. 171 Ten., Miami, Fla. 33055

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SELLING OLDIE ELONGATEDS: PENget-1 (XF) \$25; PENpit-3 (AU) \$30; PENxxx-1 (XF) \$35. Rich Bottles, Jr., P.O. Box 492, Harmony, Pa 16037.

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You needed some of the 20,415 tokens/medals Williges sold in 1989. Free! At least next 3 exomunic price lists. Williges, Box 1245, Wheatland, Ca 95692

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MEMBER'S "SPECIAL" - 100 elongated cents, all different, at 15¢ each, plus package postage. Write "Doug" Fairbanks, Sr., 5937 Beadle Drive, Jamesville, NY 13078

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Collection of elongated cents for sale. Approximately 200 coins of many different categories and dates. Write - Bil Rosen, 413 R Brinlev Ave., Brad Bch, NJ 07720

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"ITALIAN PAVILION"

by John G. Spadone

In 1934 Chicago World Fair, (The Century of Progress International Exposition), we have on record that there were 25 Penny Stamping (Elongated) Machines operating and owned by J.F. Cornelius.

I will start with number one machine, the "Italian Pavilion" which is listed as C.P.I.E. 33 and consists of four varieties. The Pavilion was located Southwest of the North Lagoon and was a free attraction. It had an impressive entrance under a large gleaming aircraft wing. The building with the word "Italia" in teh front contained extensive exhibits that portrayed the progress of Italy.

In the 1934 Exposition, two larger extensions were built on each side for more exhibition space. Modern bronze Italian sculptures were placed on the lawn near the entrance. One of the largest dramatic mural painting was in the main Rotunda and showed the Government Control of Transportation on Land, Air and Sea. The reclamation of 11,000 square miles of land and 50% increase of Italy's wheat production was shown. In addit6ion, the photo murals illustrated the historical and scenic beauties of Italy. The products of Italy and it's colonies are seen in the Bazaar Annexes. Italion restaurants with in and outdoor tables, proveded on orchestra for dancing. The wine Pavilion displayed wines of each Italion Province.

The complete Venetion Glass Factory (admission charged), a circular building was north of the Pavilion. There were ten Italion artist-craftsmen at work, blowing molten glass, producing glass art products for which Venice is famous.

The Gladioli Gardens displayed beautiful rare gladioli, growing outdoors in a landscape setting besides the lagoon. Number 16 was the official site location on the map.

Having the C.P.I.E. 33m the "Italian Pavilion" is great, but it's far more interesting and enjoyable hobby to know more about the souvenir elongate, as if you were there, and know what it represents, the art, customs, progress, products, food, etc. of the Italian people. Any comments, corrections, additions, on this subject will be greatly appreciated. Write to John G. Spadone, 4872 NW 171 Ter., Miami, Fla. 33055-4260.

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To all who have sent checks for 100 different elongates and "Yesterdays Elongateds" books - Checks have been returned as I was called out of state and won't be back in Poughkeepsie, NY until May 15. Send checks at that time and all orders will be honored. Sorry about this.

Yours in TEC, Gus Meccarello

GEORGIA TOKENS WANTED: Interested in allkinds and types, especially merchant/trade tokens. Please include description/price with your offer. Thanks! Remaining specimens of our original personal 1987 ANA- V.I.P. Peachtree Street Tour elongate are being made available to T.E.C. members. Specimen rolled on a 1987 nickel or cent, \$2.00 each post-paid. Supply limited, order early to avoid disappointment. R. W. Colbert, 4156 Livsev Road, Tucker, Georgia 30084-2547.



THE GREAT SEAL OF ILLINOIS

Our thanks to Mr. F. North Ross for his donation of the elongated coin included with this issue of the TEC News, and for the following information concerning the design.

The present Great Seal of Illinois was authorized by the General Assembly on March 7, 1867, but was not used until October 26, 1868, and an unusual situation is involved in the history of the seal.

According to Brand Whitlock, famous author, the first of all the seals used for official documents in what is now Illinois, was that of 1788.

It was known as "The Seal of the Territory of the U.S.N.W. of the Ohio River". The words were within two concentric circles. The center of the seal showed a river, on which rode two canoes, with woodland showing beyond the river.

In 1800, when Indiana Territory, which included Illinois, was created, a new seal was needed. This situation was met by duplicating the seal of the Northwest Territory, the only change being the substitution of the words "Indiana Territory" within the circles.

When Illinois Territory came into existence in 1809, still another seal was required. So the fathers made an almost exact copy of the Great Seal of the United States, merely eliminating the "E Pluribus Unum". This seal was first used on February 4, 1810.

When Illinois gained Statehood in 1818, the second session of the First General Assembly decreed on February 19, 1819, that it was the duty of the Secretary of State to procure a permanent State seal, as was to be agreed upon by the Governor-Shadrach Bond-and the Justices of the Supreme Court-Thomas C. Browne, William P. Foster, Joseph Phillips, John Reynolds and William Wilson. The new seal was another duplicate of the United States seal, but differed from the preceding seal of the Territory in that the Eagle held a scroll in its beak on which were the words of the State motto, "State Sovereignty-National Union". As previously, the eagle held a bunch of arrows in one talon, an olive branch in the other, with the escutcheon on its chest. This seal was recut about 1839 and remained in use until October, 1868.

Secretary of State Sharon Tyndale brought about the creation of the seal which exists today. Tyndale, in January 1867, told Senator Allen C. Fuller that the old seal had outlived its usefulness, that a new one was necessary, and asked Fuller to sponsor a bill to change it. The bill was presented to the Senate January 7, 1867, and passed without comment. It went to the House and when read there on January 10th, Assemblyman Dinsmore from Whiteside County suggested an amendment to read that the new seal was to be "an exact facsimile of the present seal."

The amendment was defeated 31 to 46.

Dinsmore's beaten amendment created immediate suspicion of the bill. It was recalled to the Senate. The vote that approved the bill was reconsidered. It was discovered that Tyndale planned in the new seal to reverse the wording on the scroll, changing it from "State Sovereignty, National Union" to "Nation Union, State Sovereignty". The recent Civil War, he believed, put national union above state sovereignty. But the change that he contemplated was thwarted by a Senate Amendment which ruled that the words on the scroll of the renewed seal were to correspond with the old seal in every particular.

The bill was passed March 7, 1867 in its amended form.

The old seal continued in use until its last official imprint on October 24, 1868, and final impressions were sharp and clear, indicating it was not "badly out of order" as had been claimed by

GREAT SEAL (continued)

The new seal, which is the present one and which was designed by Tyndale, is a radical departure from the old. When it first appeared, and all through the years since, the reasons for the inside design, made at Tyndale's direction, have puzzled many beholders.

The shield not longer adorns the eagle's breast, but is in a tilted position on the ground; the arrows are gone; the branch bears little resemblance to an olive branch; the eagle is sitting on a boulder in a prairie, and a rising sun shines on a distant Eastern horizon. Strangest of all, the wording on the seal ignores the amendment and "National Union" appears above "State Sovereignty".

The Secretary of State is the keeper of the Great Seal of the State of Illinois.



Seal of the Illinois Territory, sketched by the late Mr. Brand Whitlock and reproduced in the Journal of the Illinois Historical Society.

First Great Seal, adopted after Statehood. August 26, 1818 appears on the official State Seal to commemorate the date that the first Constitution for the State of Illinois was signed by the Constitutional Convention delegates at Kaskaskia.

Second Great Seal of the State of Illinois. While this design differed from the first Seal, it remained unchanged in a heraldic sense.

Present Great Seal bearing altered design introduced in 1968. This design is far removed in meaning from that of the original Seal.

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Two special elongated cents have been made to commemorate the International Shrine Clown Association (ISCA) Mid-winter Convention to be held at the San Luis Hotel, Galveston, Texas on February 28, March 1,2,3, 1990.



One coin features the ISCA Clown Logo and the other shows the Brazsport, Texas Shriner Clown of the hosting El Mina Temple, Galveston, Texas.

Persons desiring these two elongated cent coins can obtain them by sending \$1.00 and a SASE to Don Wilkinson, 5700 Flagler St., Metairie, LA 70003.

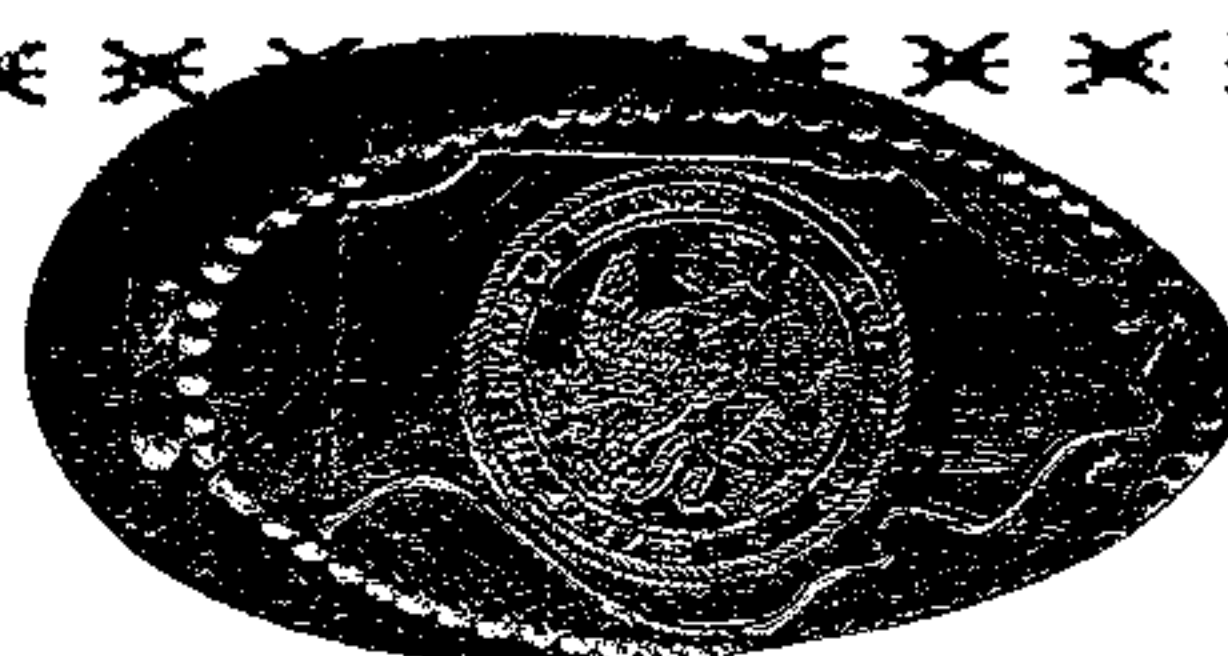


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Thanks for the following tip for elongated coin rollers from Mr. Penny Pincher, D.L. Kitsmiller:

After your design is complete (for your elongate), and before sending it to the engraver, reduce the final design on a copy machine to one and one quarter inch. That will be the approximate size of the finished coin and will let you see if the lettering will be readable, and how much of the fine detail will be lost in engraving.

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NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

G. Wilkinson

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The first quarter of 1990 brought a deluge of dues envelopes which I thank one and all for their promptness. It makes for a bit of a struggle to keep up, but a job that does have its rewards. Thank you. You should all have the 1990 membership coin and the buff (cream color) 1990 card. If you haven't, I've missed you. Please let me know. Members not paid as of April 1st will be removed from the mailing list so this will be the last newsletter if your 1990 dues are unpaid. Don't be a drop out get you dues in NOW!

New members are still coming in. This will be a good year for TEC. To you hard working recruiting members, keep up the good work. We still have a few more of the 10 free coins (courtesy of Jim Singleton) available for new members and the coins continue to be a very special and welcome introduction to the hobby.

CONVENTION BADGES

TEC's inventory of Convention Badges that remained from previous years have all been sold. There were a few disappointed prospective buyers who missed out. So for any one having an extra 1987 Badge - Gordon Donnell, TEC 1207, 1960 San Antonio, Berkeley, CA 94707, and Charles Beavers, TEC 1161, 4949 Hegel Rd, Goodrich, MI 48438, would really appreciate your help. They each want one.

REMINDER Reservations for the 1990 Convention Badges, along with the special enameled silver badge being done by Bert Samsa, have been coming in steadily. The cut off date for ordering the badges is May 1, 1990, so if you haven't ordered yours, better do it soon. These won't be available after that date. Badges will be available for pick up at the ANA Convention in Seattle in August. If you are unable to attend we will mail them to you after the convention. (Regular badge \$5.00 each, enameled silver badge \$20.00 each) Don't miss out

MEMBERSHIP COINS

Harry Flower, TEC 644, needs some membership coins. He is missing the coin for 1985. Also he is interested in information on the membership coins prior to 1974. His address is 3 Wheaton Center, Wheaton, IL 60187. Don Wilkinson, TEC 1079, 5700 Flagler St, Metairie, LA 70003, wants years 1966, 1970, 1984 and 1985. Any help out there?

1891 CLUB UPDATE

ANA Centennial Medal - Here is an opportunity for you to express your feelings for the Centennial in medallic art. An award of \$2,500 for each winning side will be given, along with a free one year ANA membership to the ten finalists, and a free Centennial Medal to the top three finalists. Call ANA, 1-800-367-9723, for an official entry form. You must submit your sketches by April 15, 1990. Remember, you don't have to be a professional artist to enter and win. Winner will be announced at Seattle Convention.

(1891 CLUB cont.)

AMERICA'S BEST: A TRAVELING NUMISMATIC EXHIBIT

A feasibility study is underway to have a major exhibit of rare and interesting coins, paper money, etc., travel East to West to 15-20 major cities during the ANA Centennial year. More on this later.

These are some of the ongoing projects you may want to become involved in. If your interested in more information contact Charles J. Ricard, P.O. Box 321, Northbrook, IL 60065.

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I want to express my pleasure for all the surprises in the mail. I received my first Christmas Wood and some very special coins, to include a set of Havasu-London Bridge Commemorative Medals. My modest collection is gaining some character! I thank you all for sharing with me. Also want to thank Jim Singleton, Steve Ray and Ron Garrett for their donation of coins to use in the new membership mailings.

Two of our members, Joseph Clarke, TEC 843, 22 Darwin Ave, Takoma Park, MD 20912 and William LaFond, TEC 1039, P.O. Box 483, Mapleville, RI 02839 suffered heart attacks last winter. We send along our wishes for a speedy recovery. I've included their addresses for those of you who would like to send them a more personal note of encouragement.

HELP! Still looking for articles for the JUNIOR CORNER. Also, we would like to have single sheet flyers from the dealers and rollers who would like me to include them in our membership mailings. (This is only done when it does not change the amount of postage.)

President Ray Dillard's given us quite a program for the membership meeting in Seattle. We hope that you all can join us. For those who are unable to do so, we invite you to write us. We value your opinions.

HAPPY COLLECTING - GINNIE WILKINSON

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WANTED; HALLEY'S COMET elongated or other commemoratives. Doug Smith, 385 Allison Rd., Murfreesboro, TN 37130.

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KEWPIE DOLLS MARIE F. TRINNY writes she has temporarily stopped having the Kewpie elongated coins produced. Marie and her daughter want to thank those members who faithfully collected and so enjoyed their appreciative comments. They have a few of the late years left. (1986, 1987, 1989 and a few of the Kewpie representing the California State Kewpie logo. These cents sell for one dollar, clad dimes are \$1.50 and silver dimes \$5.00 plus SASE when ordering please. Marie F. Trinny, 6468 Washington St. #64, Yountville, CA 94599.

TEC #	WELCOME NEW MEMBERS	SPONSOR
1502	Frank Carlo, 4237 Byron Ave, Bronx, NY 10466	Brazzell
1503	Nick Battista, 4830 Cranberry NW, Canton OH 44709	Wilkinson
1504	Ben E. Manchion, 2827 Clare Ave, Bremerton, WA 98310	Singleton
1505	Geraldine Kowalski, 842 South Thomas Ave, Forest Park, IL 60130	Singleton
1506	Alan A. Dusatko, 1631 N. 129th St., Omaha, NE 68154	Rejoined
1507	LaVernia Jorgensen, 2007 2nd Ave N, Grand Forks, ND 58203	
1508	Bobby Bulgerin, 507 E. Krezdorn, Sequin, TX 78155	CW Ad
1509	George Stanley, 1165 Hampton Rd, Kent, OH 44240	Singleton
1510	Attilio Biondi, Box 71, Masontown, WV 26542	Singleton
1511	Edward Wielgus, 4113 W. Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60641	Miller
1512	Leonard Reino, 801 Shore Rd, Northfield, NJ 08225	Wilkinson
1513	Christopher Davis, 517 W. Jackson St, York, PA 17403	Rosenbluth
1514	Royal Rothrock, 315 Kenwood Ave, Elkhart, IN 46516	Miller
1515	Geri Grad, 4525 W Parkland Ave, Brown Deer, WI 53223	Brazzell
1516	Barry Wilson, 1868 Wiessner Dr NE, Salem, OR 97303	Singleton
1517	Morris Field, 501 N. Regan, Hominy, OK 74035	Brazzell
1518	Herman Heckel, 1427 Highland VLA Dr, Pittsburgh, PA 15234	Singleton
1519	R.J. White, 4792 Burlwood Lp SE, Salem, OR 97301	Wilkinson
1520	James Emple, 73 Pine Street, Bangor, MA 04401	
1521	F. M. Szczepanik, 2954 Washington Ave, Granite City, IL 62040	Wilkinson
1522	John Snell, 1618 13th St. SE, Jamestown, ND 58401	Wilkinson
1523	George Lemmons, Box 162, Masontown, WVa 26542	Singleton
1524	George Wilkinson, 1900 California Ave, White Oak, PA 15131	Singleton
1525	William Gardiner, 5139 Tangerine Ave S, Gulfport, FL 33707	Brazzell
1526	Sandy Singleton, Box 41, Hugheston, WV 25110	Singleton
1527	Ralph Tislaretz, 250 Altivo, LaSelva Beach, CA 95076	Brazzell
1529	James Olean, 700 Carl Ave, Apt 104, New Kensington, PA 15068	CW Ad
1530	James F. Lewis, P.O. Box 222, Kilmarnock, VA 22482	Wilkinson
1531	Barry Lanier, 727 Cottonwood Dr, Allen, TX 75002	NN Ad
1532	Wm W. Grencavich, 100 Main St, Conyngham, PA 18219	Rosenbluth
1533	Beverly McClure, 103 Monticello Dr, Dyer IN 46311	H. McClure
1535	Richard Baxter, RD#1, Box 270 B, Brockport, PA 15823	Wilkinson
1536	Robert J. Leuver, ANA Exec.Dir., 818 North Cascade Ave Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279	TEC
1537	Edward Magnus, 6939 W. Country Club Dr N, Sarasota, FL 34243-3503	NNews
1538	James E. Skalbe, 30 Fremont St, Winthrop, MA 02152	Dillard
1539	Edward Weintraub, 2315 Ave X, Brooklyn, NY 11235	Brazzell
1540	Neal Parlier, 26 Woolsey Rd, Hampton, GA 30228	Wilkinson
1541	Guillermo Quintanilla, 9 N 621 Flora Dr, Elgin, IL 60123	Brazzell
1542	James R. Nelson, 614 Sue Dr, Jackson, MO 63755	Wilkinson
1544	David Beaudet, 1072 Boston Ridge, Woodstock, GA 30188	Brazzell
1545	Frances S. Jordan, 30 Fremont St, Winthrop MA 02152	
1546	Skip Myler, Box 188, Lake Placid, NY 12946	Dillard

NEW MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

1547	Constance Wernke, Box 58, Pierre, SD 57501	D. Wernke
1549	Dean Wadsworth, RD #2, Tully, NY 13159	Wilkinson
1550	Paul James, 6113 N. Ozark Ave, Chicago, IL 60631	H. Bessler
1551	Henry Lipp, 590 Ridgedale Ave, Woodbridge, NJ 07095	H. Bessler
1552	R.G. Bastianse, 6547 Rothbury, Portage Mich. 49002	Wilkinson
1553	Doug Smith, 385 Allison Rd, Murfreesboro, TN 37130	H. Bessler
1554	Dave Brink, P.O. Box 3328, T.C. Mich. 49685	Wilkinson
1555	James R. Doherty Sr., 104 Frantzen Terr, Cheektowaga NY 14227	Wilkinson
1556	Fred Swick, 110 Fulton Lane, Middletown, OH 45044	Dillard

WELCOME JUNIOR MEMBERS

1528-J	Jeff Hurt, Box 961, Sundown, TX 79372	P. Hurt
1534-J	Derek J. Bruzzese, 30 Thruman St, Yonkers, NY 10701	Gentile, Sr.
1543-J	Aaron D. Watson, 2801 S. 425 W, LaPorte, IN 46530	Wilkinson
1548-J	Samantha Morrison, 1216 S. Spencer St, Aurora, IL 60505	N. Hauge

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ANDREA DORIA; Genuine souvenir from sunken liner Andrea Doria, recovered during salvage operations by divers. Few available \$5.50. Dennis Morse, TEC 1481, Box 280, South Mills, NC 27976 (NOTE: Dennis was one of the divers in that salvage operation.)

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HAND ROLLING MACHINE - FOR SALE: I have a hand roller with 4 dies (removable) on floor stand for sale for \$1200. Charles B. Severs, 5117 Euclid Ave, Louisville, KY 40272 - Phone 502-935-9338

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CATALOG LISTING; Still need information on your elongated catalogs. Want to develop a list to print and include in new membership packages. To date have received only one response. Flyers and listings are also needed. If you would furnish your name, address, catalog or any form of advertisement you have available (Flyers, newsletter, pamphlets, etc.) Any info you want to be included. Send information to Ginnie Wilkinson, 5700 Flagler St., Metairie, LA 70003.

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1989 CONVENTION COIN SETS; Have a few sets left. Plastic sealed coin set (consists of cent thru half dollar), \$6.00 per set, plus \$1.00 postage. The cancelled error die and corrected die coins are available for 50 cents each plus SASE. Any orders of the coin sets will receive a cancelled corrected die free! If you didn't get yours, order today. Wilkinson, 5700 Flagler St. Metairie, LA 70003.

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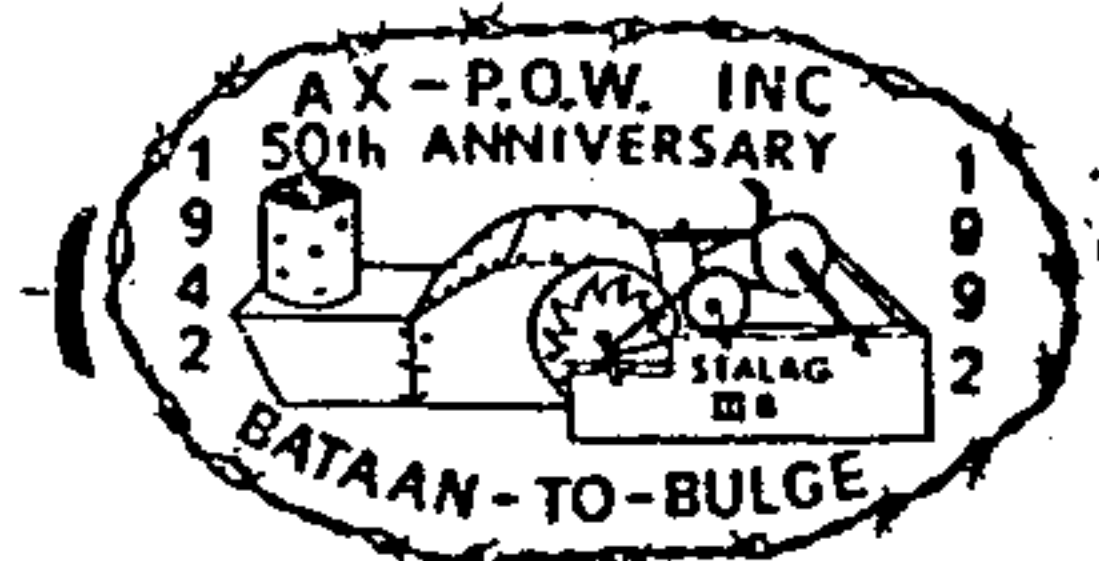
Passing of a Friend
by
"Doug" Fairbanks, Sr.

Recently I was informed (by his son), of the death of a good mail-friend and fellow elongated coin collector, O. Wilson Morgan, due to a massive heart attack. We had had numerous trade deals in the past, and his witty, humorous letters will be sorely missed. Because of failing eye-sight, he had turned in his driver's license, and loved to hitch-hike around the country. This provided him with many interesting tales. Although he never would reveal what the "O" in O. Wilson Morgan stood for, he kept saying "someday I'll let you know". Guess now I will never know. One of his favorite acts; prior to moving from Florida to Indiana, was to tell about sitting on his back porch tossing marshmallows into the mouth of a "friendly" 'gator. He also enjoyed fishing, and the hobby of elongated coin collecting.

He will truly be missed.



TWO BARBED WIRE BORDER ELONGATEDS
by
JACK WILCOX, TEC #332



My Nov. 1989 EX-POW BULLETIN has an article featuring four POW medals discovered in a Chicago area estate sale. The medals depict Stalag Luft III and Stalag VII A Germany with a 1945 date. Stalag Luft means camp for Airmen. I spent time in Stalag VII A when first brought to Germany via boxcar from a barbed wire open air camp in Capua, Italy after my capture near Kasserine Pass Tunisia, North Africa on Feb. 17, 1943. My very first plane ride was with the German Air Force from Tunis to Italy. Reading about the newly discovered POW medals brought back memories and thoughts of making another EX-POW elongated. My last effort was back in 1986, so it was time.

Our American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc. will celebrate it's 50th anniversary in 1992, so I decided to use this for a souvenir heading and incentive. I didn't want to hold off this project now the mood was right, so got to work.

Using a drawing from my old POW Logbook of the inventive cooking stove or "blower" (made from tin cans), used in Stalag III B where I spent most of my captivity, I copied it off, cut it out and placed my lettering within a barbed wire border. This design best rolled horizontal way. Drawing isn't my game but his really was simple to do.

Next I thought a vertical design would be best for what material came to mind for the second elongated. I took photos of a small POW Doll I have and used the best one which I cut out and placed in my rough sketch. Problem was the hands on the doll don't move and Frank Brazzell had to create a hand salute for me. Placing the lettering was simple, so design two came to order. You can see by my brief tale above how these two Barbed Wire elongateds will be nice to add into my two years with the Germans. The uniform on the POW doll I often use now at reunions and Ex-POW meetings, etc. Working up the two themes proved to be easy, and the finished product very pleasing.

My elongateds are available for \$1.00 each plus SASE, of course, for those interested. Hopefully I can attend our POW 1992 Convention which will be in Frank Brazzell's state of Indiana, where Frank made my designs come to light. My address is 310 Washington Pl, North Brunswick, NJ 08902-3044.

REPLICAS

by Ronald E. Garrett

Another interesting hobby. Take the Brasher Doubloon. The original was minted in 1787 and the original's value is extremely rare due to no established value. The replica comes into play. People can afford replicas. They look good, like an original but usually not made of same metal and size. People can enjoy the history of a coin and its own designed beauty and whatever else, except value. But who places value on items; supply and demand; we all know that. Where very few exist, value is usually up.

Back in 1787 most colonists were so poor they had little need for gold coinage but it was desirable for the big transactions of business in those days. Ephraim Brasher, a goldsmith in New York, who was George Washington's neighbor, struck a gold piece in 1787. It has turned out to be the most famous piece brought out before the establishment of the Mint in Philadelphia.

The Brasher Doubloon weighed 408 grains; was equivalent to a Spanish doubloon and was worth \$16.00. Today an original Doubloon probably would be insured for around \$250,000.00.

You never know when or where a rarity will pop up. It may never be worth a tenth of what the Doubloon may be worth, but there will be great value. One of a kind is important as long as the total number of mintage isn't too high. Good area to collect. Hobbies, Collections, Interesting.....

I wish to thank all those who wrote to me since our last newsletter. And to those who purchased elongated coins from me. Thank you both. Write - Garretts' Coin, P.O. Box 5008, Mesa, Arizona 85201

TREASURER'S REPORT

PERIOD: Aug. 21, 1989 thru Feb 28, 1990

OPENING BALANCE (Aug. 21, 1989)	\$3,812.76
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RECEIPTS (Dues, Coin & Badge Sales, Auction, Tape Rentals, Donations and Interest.)	\$4,707.89
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EXPENDITURES (Newsletters, Office Supplies, Postage and Telephone calls.	\$2,434.35
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CURRENT BALANCE (Feb. 28, 1990)	\$6,086.30
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NOTE: Estimated outstanding operating expenses
of not yet submitted invoices -
approx. \$500.00.

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Don A. Wilkinson
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